

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

October 24, 2011

City of Chula Vista, Executive Conference Room 103
276 Fourth Avenue

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chair Stillman at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Stillman, Commissioners Coleman, Davis, Kappes, Rahimzadeh, and Romo

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MOTION TO EXCUSE: None

STAFF PRESENT: Engineering Assistant Director Quilantan, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Environmental Resource Program Manager France, Sr. Project Coordinator Kurz, Building Official/Code Enforcement Manager El-Khazen, Sr. Civil Engineer Chopp, Principal Economic Development Specialist Ruiz, and Sr. Secretary Fields

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of September 26, 2011 were approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Sustainable Energy Showcase Home

Senior Project Coordinator Stacey Kurz gave the presentation. She discussed Housing Marketing & Funding and spoke on Federal Grant Sources programs and first-time home buyers. She stated that the Housing Division and the Conservation Division were both working on the project, and that the first-time homeowner selection process for the showcase property would be by lottery.

Environmental Resource Manager Brendan Reed described the energy efficiency features that would be installed in the home. He also spoke on other Broader Energy Retrofit programs, and Project Coordinator Kurz continued with the timeline of the process. Kurz and Reed then addressed questions from the board.

2. Beautify Chula Vista Results

Environmental Services Program Manager Lynn France stated that the Beautify Chula Vista event was a huge success this year. She said that approximately 900 volunteers attended, and that that was the most people they had ever had in the eight years of the program. She added that over 3000 pounds of trash was collected during this event.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Progress Report for Climate Action Plan

Environmental Resource Manager Brendan Reed gave the presentation. He gave a background on the program and talked about the overall implementation status. He also discussed awards and recognition that the City had won and went over municipal Energy Upgrade Financing. Reed, along with Building Official/Code Enforcement Manager Lou El-Khazen, then gave an update on the 18 strategies of the program, after which and he and Principal Economic Development Specialist Craig Ruiz responded to questions from the board.

Action: Commissioner Davis made a motion that the RCC recommend that City Council accept the progress report and authorize staff to secure an additional \$10 million in energy upgrade financing for City facilities. Commissioner Kappes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Cool Paving SOW

Senior Civil Engineer Beth Chopp presented the item. She described what cool pavement does and went over the strategies of the program. She talked about project milestones, the proposed scope of work, research and investigation, and some of the legislation involved in the project. Other topics she covered were availability & feasibility, and cost/benefit analysis. Lastly, she went over program recommendations.

The board discussed the project and staff addressed questions.

Action: Commissioner Romo made a motion that the RCC recommend that City Council approve expansion of current pavement contract to include a "cool" paving study. Commissioner Rahimzadeh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Park-It-Green Grant Proposal

Environmental Resource Manager Brendan Reed introduced the project. He stated that they want this to be a test bed for cool paving, for porous pavement, for our new shade tree policy for our low impact development, etc. He added that all of those things with a project like this can help us inform and help us develop the policy. Reed then discussed specifics of some of the design features of the park.

The board followed with a discussion on the project.

Action: Commissioner Romo made a motion that the RCC recommend that City Council approve submittal of a grant proposal for the Park-It-Green Demonstration Project. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Engineering Assistant Director Quilantan called the board's attention to the list of future items, highlighting the upcoming "Day without a Bag" event on December 15th. Environmental Resource Program Manager France went over details of the event.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None

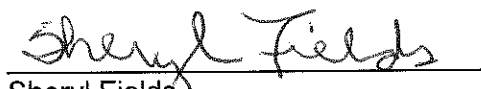
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Coleman said that at the next meeting he'd like to give an update on the Master Composting class he recently attended.
- Commissioner Romo made a recommendation to discuss the carbon footprint calculator.
- Commissioner Vargas recommended a future discussion with Southwestern College, Sweetwater Unified School District, and/or Chula Vista Elementary School District regarding Prop O and environmental workshops in the area.

Assistant Director Quilantan mentioned that the November 14th RCC meeting would be held in Council Chambers. She also stated that Council had taken the first reading last Tuesday night on the amendment to the Charters for commissions, and that they would be bringing the final charter to the next meeting for the RCC's review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. to a special meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910.

Prepared by:


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